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NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the **Contract Compliance Committee** of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on **Tuesday, October 14, 2008** at the hour of **10:30 A.M.** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to consider the following:

296495 RESOLUTION REGARDING THE MEETING OF THE CONTRACT COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE STATUS OF A THE DISPARITY STUDY PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE INTERIM ORDINANCE (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Roberto Maldonado, County Commissioner.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2000, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit struck down the County's Minority and Women's Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Ordinance as applied to construction contracts because it was unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of this ordinance, minority (African American, Hispanic, and Asian) and women owned firms each received only 1 percent of Cook County construction contracts compared to 44 percent prior to the ruling; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Board of Commissioners implemented an "Interim MBE/WBE Construction Contract Program Ordinance" to ensure fair representation for minority contractors who have suffered discrimination in County construction projects; and

WHEREAS, since adoption of the Interim Ordinance, attorney Colette Holt, a nationally renowned expert who specializes in the field of minority contract participation and who drafted the County's Interim Ordinance, has been working on a Disparity Study that substantiates the need for the Interim Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Ordinance sunsets on December 31, 2008 and if the Board intends to re-authorize it, a Disparity Study must be completed.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contract Compliance Committee of the Cook County Board will convene for the purpose of holding an informational meeting to hear a presentation from Colette Holt on the status of the Disparity Study prior to the expiration of the Interim Ordinance.

***Referred to the Contract Compliance Committee on 10-01-08.**

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

Chairman: Maldonado
Vice-Chairman: Silvestri
Members: Butler, Gorman, Goslin, Moreno, Peraica, Sims, Steele